* BEFORE THE * CONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * Case No. 92-372-A

Joseph A. Cooper, et ux Petitioners

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zening Commissioner as a Petition for Moning Variance in which the Petitioners request relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 40 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet, and to amend the 2nd Amended Final Development Plan of Anton North, Section Two, Lot 18, accordingly, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhib-

The Petitioners, Joseph A. and Annette B. Cooper, appeared and testified. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition were Jay Brown, Architect, and Steven M. Blum, Builder. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 8 Merry Hill Court, consists of 1.368 acres, moned R.C. 5. Said property is part of the Anton North subdivision and is presently unimproved. Petitioners are denorous of developing the property with a single family dwelling as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. However, the sublect property is roughly pie-shaped, with the wider portion fronting along Merry Hill Court, and as the property progresses towards the rear, its width narrows significantly. Due to the unique configuration of the lot, the Petitioners require a variance of 10 feet to permit a 40-foot side yard setback in lieu of the required 50 feet. Actually, the Petitioners'

plans indicate that the southeast corner of the proposed dwelling will rest 46 feet from the property line. However, the Petitioner has requested a 10-foot setback variance in anticipation of any construction changes.

Additional evidence offered indicated that adjoining property owners, one of whom sold the subject lot, do not oppose the Petitioners' request. The houses in this subdivision are substantial in size and the proposed dwelling will be consistent in appearance and scale.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

> 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

> 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or struc-

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ture which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltiday of May, 1992 that the Petition for Zoning more County this Variance from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 40 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet, and to amend the 2nd Amended Final Development Plan of Anton North, Section Two, Lot 18, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order: however. Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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tearing Date: Wednesday May 6, 1992 at 9:00 a.m

Variance: to allow a 40 feet side yard actions in lieu of the re-quired 50 feet and to amend the Second Amended Final Develop-

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Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 8 Merry Hill Court

which is presently zoned R.C. 5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) To allow a 40' side yard setback in lieu of the required 50' and to amend the 2nd amended FDP of Anton North Sec. Two Lot 18.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) The existing lot width is only 83' within the setbacks at the point within which the house can be situated; slopes on the lot are steep and along with a septic reserve area situated well back from the front of the lot offer very little opportunity to vary the orientation and location of the house. The character of the neighborhood requires a large residence.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the Contract Purchaser/Lesses (Type or Print Name) Annette B. Cooper 8006 Melody Lane (Type or Print Name) Baltimore, Maryland Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted
Joe Brandli c/o Levin Brown Assoc. Phone No Name 17 Warren Rd. Suite 7B Pikesville, Md. 21208 ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING

ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

Beginning on the North side of Merry Hill Court, which is 50' wide at the distance of 20' North of the centerline of the nearest improved intersection street Anton North Way which is 50' wide. Being Lot #18, Section #2 in the subdivision of Anton North as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #58, Folio #27, containing 1.368 acres also known 92-372 A as 8 Merry Hill Court and located in the #3 Election District, 3rd Council District.

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Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

8006 Melody Lane

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May 11, 1992

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE N/S Merry Hill Court, 10' W of Anton Way (8 Merry Hill Court) 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Joseph A. Cooper, et ux - Petitioners Case No. 92-372-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cooper:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Cooper

Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Jay Brown, Levin Brown Associates, 17 Warren Road, Suite 7B, Pikesville, Md. 21208

People's Counsel

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Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 79.73 __ is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID. ALSO, THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) MUST BE RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE

Please forward your check via return mail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland 21204. It should have your case number noted thereon and be made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. In order to prevent delay of the issuance of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

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APRIL 7, 1992

NOTICE OF HEARING

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 118, Baltimore County Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

N/S Merry Hill Court, 10' W of Anton Way North 8 Merry Hill Court 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Joseph A. and Annette B. Cooper HEARING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

Variance to allow a 40 foot side yard setback in lieu of the required 50 feet and toa mend the Second Amended Final Development Plan of Anton, North, Section Two, Lot 18.

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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> RM: Item No. 388, Case No. 97-372-A Positioner: Joseph A. Cooper, et um Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cooper:

The coming Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached converts fire court reviewing agency are not insended to assure that the marties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the potitioner, and made aware of plans or problems with regard to the property isomovements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the numbers of 740 that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward inch to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

BAL MORF COUNTY, MAR AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

April 13, 1992

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: DIVISION OF CROUND MAKER HARAMEMENT

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #388, Zonin - Advisory Committee Meeting of April 6, 1992, Joseph A. Cooper and Amnette B. Cooper, N/S Marry Hill Court, 10' W of Anton May North (#8 Marry Hill Court) 0-3, Private Water and Sugar

COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

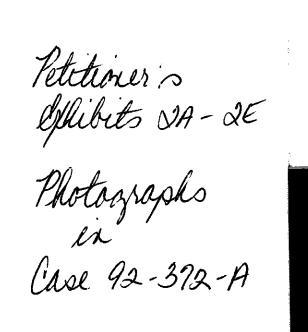
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